

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) A method for manufacturing the multi-piece golf ball of Claim 1 comprising:

a first process of molding the core;

a second process of press molding a pair of hemispherical, shell-like pieces for forming the intermediate layer, wherein the pieces are composed of a rubber composition in a semi-vulcanized condition;

a third process in which the core is placed between the pair of pieces for forming the intermediate layer, the edges of mouths of the pair of the pieces for forming the intermediate layer are put into contact with each other, and the pieces for forming the intermediate layer are fully vulcanized by press molding; and

a fourth process of covering the outer surface of the intermediate layer that is obtained by the full vulcanization.

15. (Original) The method for manufacturing the multi-piece golf ball according to claim 14, wherein the second process comprises the steps of:

preparing a hemispheric upper part and lower part of the mold having concave portions;

preparing a middle part of the mold provided with separators having a size that can cover the concave portions of the upper part and lower part of the mold, and a pair of hemispheric convex portions each arranged on the upper surface and the lower surface of the separator that are shaped so as to correspond to the inner surface of the intermediate layer; and

molding the pieces for forming the intermediate layer in the semi-vulcanized condition by placing the middle part of the mold between the upper part and lower part of the mold, filling the concave portions of the upper part and lower part of the mold with the material for the intermediate layer, and press molding.

16. (Original) The method for manufacturing the multi-piece golf ball according to claim 5 comprising:

a first process of molding the core;

a second process of preparing an upper part and lower part of the mold each provided with a hemispheric concave portion;

a third process of molding the intermediate layer in the concave portions and notches by inserting the core between the upper part and lower part of the mold, filling the concave portions of the upper part and lower part of the mold with the material for the intermediate layer that is composed of a rubber composition, press molding so

that the material for the intermediate layer spreads throughout the entire concave portions through the notches; and

a fourth process of providing a cover over the intermediate layer.

17. (Original) The method for manufacturing the multi-piece golf ball according to claim 5 comprising:

a first process of molding the core;

a second process of preparing an upper mold and a lower mold each having a hemispherical concave portion;

a third process of molding an intermediate layer by injection molding after inserting the core between the upper and lower molds; and

a fourth process for providing a cover over the intermediate layer.

18. (Original) The method for manufacturing the multi-piece golf ball according to claim 7 comprising:

a first process of molding the core;

a second process of preparing an upper part and lower part of the mold each provided with a hemispheric concave portion;

a third process of molding the intermediate layer in the concave portions and notches by inserting the core between the upper part and lower part of the mold, filling the concave portions of the upper part and lower part of the mold with the material for the intermediate layer that is composed of a rubber composition, press molding so

that the material for the intermediate layer spreads throughout the entire concave portions through the notches; and

a fourth process of providing a cover over the intermediate layer.

19. (Original) The method for manufacturing the multi-piece golf ball according to claim 7 comprising:

a first process of molding the core;

a second process of preparing an upper part and lower part of the mold each having a hemispherical concave portion;

a third process of molding an intermediate layer by injection molding after inserting the core between the upper part and lower part of the mold; and

a fourth process of providing a cover over the intermediate layer.